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SUBJECT: CHINESE ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION: PRC-GOC NEGOTIATIONS

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1. PAO OTTAWA CALLED ON F.M. TOVELL, DIRECTOR OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS, DEPT. OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, ON DECEMBER 14TH TO DISCUSS CONTENTS REFTEL. TIMING OF CALL WAS FORTUITOUS AS MR. TOVELL'S BROTHER, WALTER M. TOVELL, DIRECTOR OF ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM AND MAXWELL HERNDERSON, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION OF ROM, WERE ON THEIR WAY TO DISCUSS EXHIBITION AT PRC EMBASSY OTTAWA AND JOINTED CONVERSATION.

2. F.M. TOVAELL SAID THAT GOC WILL NOT NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PRC THAT OFFERS ANY MORE CONCESSIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OFFERED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS. HE SAID THAT IT WAS "POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE" TO ACCEDE TO ALL PRC DEMANDS AND THAT MOST GOC WILL OFFER IS "HIGHEST CONSIDERATION TO CHINESE DEMANDS." HE SAID THAT TERMINOLOGY WILL BE SAME AS PRC-SWEDISH AGREEMENT.

3. F.M. TOVELL SAID THAT DURING TRUDEAU VISIT GOC NEGOTIATED LANDSCAPE PAINTING EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN CHINA NEXT YEAR. GOC HAS CARD TO PLAY
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IN SENSE THAT CANADIANS WILL INSIST THAT ANY

AGREEMENT WORKED OUT WITH PRC IN REGARD TO CHINESE
ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION WILL ALSO APPLY TO CANADIAN
PAINTING EXHIBITION ON RECIPROCAL BASIS.

4. WALTER TOVELL CONFIRMED THAT EXHIBITION IN
TORONTO WILL BE IDENTICAL WITH PRC LONDON EXHIBITION.
HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT HE IS COMING TO WASHINGTON TO
CONFER WITH NATIONAL GALLERY BUT GAVE DATE OF JANUARY 2
INSTEAD OF DECEMBER 17 OR 18. HE EXPECTS DEPARTMENT
TO PARTICIPATE THESE MEETINGS.

5. BOTH TOVELLS AND MAXWELL HERNDERSON EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION ON GUIDANCE OFFERED AND SAID THEY WOULD
KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH EMBASSY AS PLANS PROGRESS.
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